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Applicant(s) : Masayoshi NANBA et al.  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, first sentence, insert "This application is the National Stage of International  
Application No. PCT/JP99/02224, filed on April 27, 1999."

Page 3, line 8, delete "characters" and substitute therefor --character--

Page 6, line 26, delete "is" and substitute therefor --are--

Page 7, line 20, delete "preferable" and substitute therefor --preferably--

Page 7, line 31, delete "characters" and substitute therefor --characteristics--

Page 11, line 20, delete "to" and substitute therefor --with--

REMARKS

The above amendments correct typographical and clerical errors and do not  
constitute new matter. Entry of the above amendments prior to examination and  
early action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Date: October 17, 2000

Respectfully submitted,



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